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Three of the cited references were called to Applicant's attention in a Search Report dated December 28, 2001 for European Patent Application No. 01 120 875.8, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of Japanese Patent Applications Laid-Open Nos. 59-123670, 59-138461 and 6-71260, the Examiner is referred to the discussion

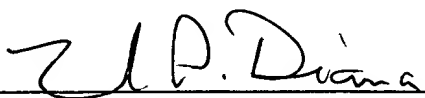
starting at page 45, line 17, and ending at page 46, line 7 of the specification, and to the corresponding English-language abstract submitted herewith.

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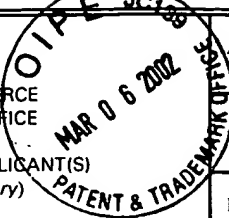
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